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There are famine conditions in various provinces under the Southwest China Military Area Command. At the end of February 1952 over 3,500,000 persons were affected.

- a. In Yunnan, 105 hsien with a population of one million are suffering from famine caused principally by drought. The most serious famine areas are under the Mengtze (103-23, 22-30) and Chao'ung (103-39, 27-20) administrations.
- b. In East Szechuan, 28 hsien with a population of one million are suffering from famine caused principally by floods. The most serious famine area consists of the hsien under the Fuling (107-26, 29-44) administration.
- c. In South Szechuan, 11 hsien with a population of 420,000 are suffering from famine caused principally by a basic lack of crops. The most seriously affected area is under the Kulin (105-51, 28-08) administration.
- d. In North Szechuan, 35 hsien with a population of 350,000 are suffering from famine caused principally by drought and a plague of locusts. The seriousness of famine conditions has lessened here.
- e. In West Szechuan, 5 hsien with a population of 150,000 are suffering from famine caused principally by floods and damage to crops by hail. Famine conditions are less serious here than in other areas.
- f. In Kweichow, 18 hsien with a population of 530,000 are suffering from famine caused principally from drought. The most serious conditions exist in the hsien belonging to the Kweiyang (106-43, 26-35), Anshun (105-53, 26-15) and Tsuni (106-55, 27-42) administrations.

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- g. In Sikang, 8 hsien with a population of 100,000 are suffering from famine caused principally by drought. Famine conditions are less serious here than in other areas.